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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 8014

BILL NUMBER: HB 1806

DATE PREPARED: Jan 20, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Motorboat endorsement.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires that by July 1, 2001, the operator of a motorboat on public waters must have a motorboat endorsement on the person's Indiana driver's license or identification card. It requires the successful completion of a boating education course to receive an endorsement from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The bill allows the endorsement to be removed for certain violations.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999; July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: For the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), there will be costs associated with the creation of a motorboat endorsement. The BMV will need new forms for the motorboat endorsement and computer changes. Below is table that shows the estimated impact. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account that supports the BMV.

Forms	\$33,600
Computer Changes	<u>\$68,300</u>
Total	\$101,900

The Law Enforcement Division of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) already approves boating education courses. The approval required in this bill will have no fiscal impact. The DNR also conducts one basic boating education course. There are five approved boating education courses currently available in Indiana, including the one provided by the Department of Natural Resources. There are 214,455 registered motorboats in the state, and approximately 600,000 boat operators in Indiana. Requiring a motorboat endorsement and the completion of a DNR approved boating education course may increase the workload for the DNR and may require additional staff, but it is unclear at this time the extent to which this may happen. This part of the fiscal note may be updated upon receipt of additional information from the DNR. The funds affected are the State General Fund and the Fish and Wildlife Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission; Department of Natural Resources-Law Enforcement Division.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: For the DNR, Sam Purvis, Director of Training for the Law Enforcement Division of the DNR, 233-3847.